amended in 1985 and as such no separate directions in this regard are necessary.

**Amendment of emigration Act**

1200. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Emigration Act in order to make it more effective to monitor the flow of Indian workers abroad and to protect their interests;

(b) if so, the details of the amendments likely to be made in the Emigration Act;

(c) whether Government propose to have views of the State Governments also before amending the Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the amendments would curb illegal manpower export to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) There are no firm proposals in this regard so far.

(c) Question does not arise in view of answer (a) & (b) above.

(d) The Emigration Act, 1983 and the Rules made thereunder already contain various provisions intended to check illegal manpower export.

**Scarcity of Wheelsets**

1201. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wagon Industry in the country has been languishing for long due to scarcity of wheelsets produced by its own Wheel and Axle Plan (WAP) at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the total production of wheelsets made by Wheels Axle Plant during the past three years and the number of wheelsets imported by Government during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the production capacity of wheelsets in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been an upward trend in wagon production from 1987-88 onwards, as will be seen from the figures given below:—

| Year | Production in terms of Four Wheelers |
|---|---|
| 1987-88. . . . . | 15,898 |
| 1988-89. . . . . | 21,535 |
| 1989-90. . . . . | 23,626 |
| 1990-91. . . . . | 23,000 (Target) |

Requirements of wheelsets for the above level of wagon production are beyond the capacity of Wheel & Axle Plan. Bangalore (WAP) and balancing imports are necessary. Detailed below is the position of supply of wagon wheelsets and orders placed for imports.—

| Year | Supplied by Wheel & Axle Plant | Orders for Imports |
|---|---|---|
| 1987-88 . . . . . | 23,007 | 8,494 |
| 1988-89 . . . . . | 19,035 | 6,950 |
| 1989-90 . . . . . | 21,390 | 13,005 |

(c) and (d) Wheelsets are being manufactured in the country by the Wheel & Axle Plant, Bangalore (WAP), and Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur (DSP). There are plans to increase the capacity as under by the end of the Eighth Plan:—

| Unit | Annual level of supplies in terms of wheels | |
|---|---|---|
| | Present | After expansion |
| Wheel & Axle Plant . . . . . | 60,000 | 84,000 |
| Durgapur Steel Plant . . . . . | 25,000 | 80,000 |

**Employment cards for contract workers**

1202. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a task force to strictly enforce the provision of employment cards by employers in the contract workers engaged by them;

(b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken to enforce provision of employment cards; and

(c) by when it would be implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 are generally enforced by various State Governments, except in establishments of the Central Government where these are enforced by the Chief Laobour Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Labour. The State Governments and Chief Labour Commissioner (C) have been advised to enforce the proper maintenance of records and Registers prescribed under Chapter VII of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules, 1971. They have also been advised to ensure that employment cards are issued by the employers to all workers and maintained properly as provided under Rule-76.

The enforcement of the provision of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 is reviewed on a regular basis and corrective action taken from time to time.

**Timings of Fair Price Shops in Delhi**

1203. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any timings for the functioning of Fair Price Shops and Kerosene Oil Shops have been fixed up in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of these timings;

(c) whether there exist any criteria to make surprise checks to ensure that prescribed timings are being observed by Fair Price Shops and SKO dealers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not; the reasons therefor; and

(e) how many such checks have been made circle-wise during January to July, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.
3.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

(c) Yes, Sir.